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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/08

SPONSOR Arnold-Jones LAST UPDATED _____ HB 489

SHORT TITLE NM Tech ICASA Program SB _____

ANALYST Haug

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relationship HB426 and SB233

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)

No Response
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 489 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology for testing curriculum support at the Institute for Complex Additive Systems Analysis.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

The HED states that the request for the appropriation in House Bill 489 was not submitted by NMT to NMHED for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY09. The ICASA program has been receiving recurring General Fund appropriations for the

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past several years. For FY07, the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) recommended \$540,000 of recurring monies from the General Fund for ICASA. For FY08, NMHED recommended \$624,200 of recurring monies from the General Fund, with a continuance of the same for FY09.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Since NMIMT did not submit the request to the HED nor did it submit a FIR analysis for this bill, the purpose for and uses of the appropriation in House Bill 489 are not known in any detail and are limited to the language in the bill.

RELATIONSHIP

HB489 relates to HB426 and SB233, which are duplicate bills that appropriate \$100,000 from the General Fund for FY09 to NMT for ICASA expansion.

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